

# Welcome



Tom Darden, Governor's Office

## to Gambrill State Park!

*Situated on the ridge of the Catoclin Mountain, Gambrill State Park offers visitors dramatic views of farmland and forest from stone overlooks. Two recreation areas—Rock Run and High Knob—provide camping, picnicking, 16 miles of wooded trails and a unique stone lodge for family and group gatherings.*



*While you are enjoying the park, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace outdoor ethics.*



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# History of the Park

Gambrill State Park had its beginnings when public spirited conservationists of Frederick County purchased this tract of land on Catoclin Mountain and donated it to the City of Frederick as a municipal park. On September 7, 1934, the City presented the 1,137 acres to the State for use as a state park. The park was named in honor of the late James H. Gambrill, Jr. of Frederick, a leading conservationist.



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## Overlooks

Three stone overlooks, strategically located on the 1,600-foot summit of High Knob, midway between the Mason-Dixon Line and the Potomac River, offer dramatic views of the surrounding area. On a clear day, looking north, a visitor can see the rugged, forested mountains of the Frederick City Municipal Forest. Looking south, Crampton's Gap, a Civil War landmark preserved at Gathland State Park comes into view, as well as the Middleton and Monocacy Valleys. South Mountain, where many engagements between Confederate and Union Troops took place during the Civil War, can be seen to the west.

## High Knob Area

Up the road from the Rock Run Area is the High Knob Area, which provides dramatic views of the valley from the top of the Catoclin Mountain. Facilities include picnic tables, grills shelters and the Tea Room. A Nature Center is also located in the High Knob Area.

# Gambrill State Park

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## Maryland Park Service

1-800-735-2258 - TTY users call via MD Relay

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[www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)*

## Park Guidelines and Regulations

Park regulations are necessary to protect you as well as to assure a quality recreational experience for other visitors. Regulations are posted in convenient places throughout the park. Please observe them.

- Pets are welcome in the campground and on the trails. All pets must remain on a leash.
- The park is open year round.
- A service charge is required for some park facilities. Current service charge information can be obtained at the park office.
- Please report any problem to a park employee or call Park Watch at 1-800-825-7275.
- Remember, our park is Trash-free. Trash cans are not available in the day-use areas. Pack it in, pack it out!



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor  
C. Ronald Franks, Secretary

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## GAMBRILL STATE PARK

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Recreation

Multi-use Trails

Gambrill has over 16-miles of wooded trails many of which are generously maintained by local organizations and businesses. All trails begin and end at the trail head parking lot, which is located on the east of Gambrill Park Road, about half-way up the mountain between the Rock Run Area and the High Knob Area. The parks trails are open for hiking, mountain biking and horse back riding with the exception of the White Oak Trail, which is restricted to hiking. All trails are day-use only—there overnight parking is prohibited!



*Please be courteous of others on the trails. We welcome hikers, bikers, horseback riders; each activity has its specificities leave space for everyone.*



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Camping and Picnicking

The campground and camper cabins are open from May to end of October.

Family Camping and Camper Cabins

The Rock Run Area has 31 sites, 6 with electric hookups and a central bathhouse with showers and hot water. Potable water is available. Four camper cabins are available for rent. Each cabin sleeps four with a full size bed and a set of bunk beds.

The Tea Room

The Tea Room is available for rental April through October (service charge applies). Constructed of native stone, the building accommodates 75 people. Visitors enjoy a stone balcony facing beautiful vistas, while a huge stone fireplace dominates the interior.

Picnicking and Shelters



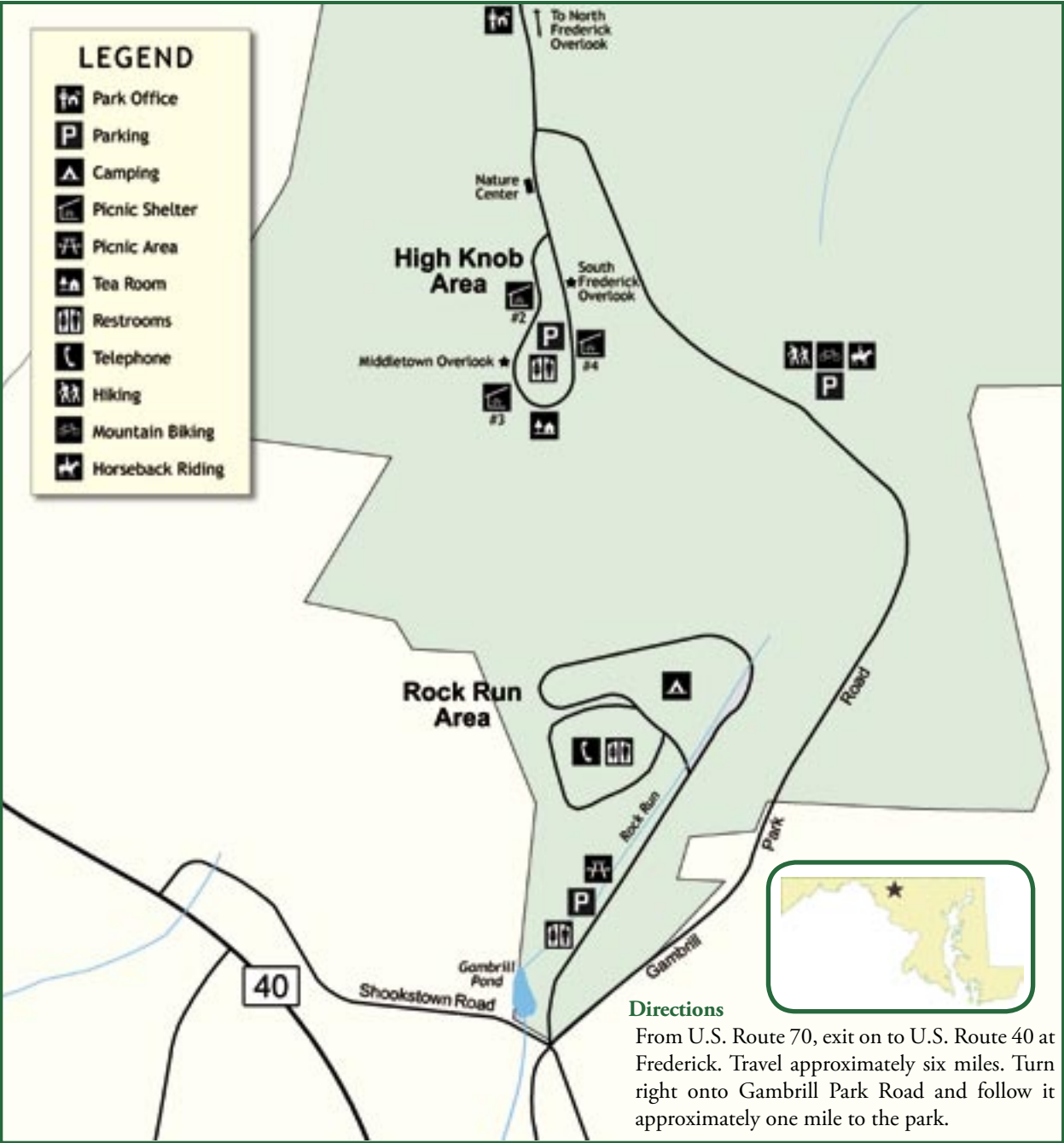
Picnic tables and grills are conveniently located in the High Knob and Rock Run Areas. The High Knob Area features four picnic shelters seating 35 people that are available for rent. Contact the park office for current service charge information.

*To make shelter, Tea Room, or camping reservations, call Park-Reservations at 1-888-432-2267. Or make your reservation on the Internet: [reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us)*



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The Tea Room



Purchase a Trail Guide

*A trail guide featuring a topographic map and trail descriptions can be purchased at the park office or on our website: [www.dnr.maryland/outdooradventures](http://www.dnr.maryland/outdooradventures)*

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers are important to the operation of the park as camp hosts, volunteer rangers or to assist with projects. Contact the park for information.